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A Message from the President



I am glad to report that Inverness Kennel Club has dismissed the lawsuit with prejudice. We are just waiting for the paper work to get filed with the courts. This will allow us to move forward and not spend so much time and money on legal matters. We are in the process in getting with Inverness to see if they want to come back and have their shows with the Cluster in January.

I am contacting the lady who cleans teeth to see when she is available for our first teeth cleaning get-together. I am hoping the last weekend in June will work for most. I will see how many she is comfortable in doing on one day and we will take reservations, first come, first serve. I will keep you posted on dates and if you can make it, let me know as soon as possible.

See you in a couple of weeks.

Mary

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

-- Mother Teresa, charity worker

From the Corresponding Secretary Meeting Notice

The next **General Meeting and Board Meeting** of the Tampa Bay Kennel Club will be held on **Thursday June 13, 2013 at the Apex Publix 16560 N Nebraska Ave Lutz, FL 33549-6172 at 7:30 PM.**

Board meeting take place on the following months: March, April, June, September, November and December.

Hospitality

Will be provided by **Connie Delaney**

Notice from the club Treasurer to all Members

Please see the Dues Notice for 2013 attached to this newsletter.

If you have any changes to your club information please complete the form. Please return with your dues payment to:

Lucy Granowicz
6547 Bonnie Blue Drive
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

Delegate's Report



I am heading off to Raleigh for the June Delegate's meeting. We are voting on two items: one concerns field trials for Irish Setters and the other limits delegates who work for AKC or has ever worked for AKC serving on the board. If anyone is interested in the proposed rule change for the field trials please contact me. The thinking behind the other rule change concerning delegates running for the board is that an AKC employee might come in with preconceived opinions or judgments due to past experiences. I agree no one who currently receives a salary from AKC should run for the Board, but I would like the Delegates to be able to vote for the person they feel would serve best regardless of past employment by AKC. I think most Board members come in with preconceived opinions of how to improve our sport. At least I hope so. If anyone has a differing point of view, please contact me either by email designsplus@tampabay.rr.com or cell 813-215-3580.

Mary

Around The Ring



Nothing to Report

Aggressive Treatment Needed for Pet's Orthopedic Pain

Pet Column for the week of March 4, 2013

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Information Specialist

"Orthopedic pain is considered a severe type of pain that any mammal can experience," asserts Dr. Ashley Mitek, a veterinarian who is completing an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in Urbana. And anyone who has broken their arm or torn their ACL would probably agree.

In pets, acute orthopedic pain can be caused by a traumatic injury, such as being hit by a car or a tear in the cranial cruciate ligament—the equivalent in human medicine being the dreaded "ACL tear." Orthopedic pain can also occur from a surgical procedure such as limb amputation or fracture repair.

If pain is left untreated, systemic problems can develop, such as increased heart rate and blood pressure and decreased wound healing and immune function. It's also important to note that, "the longer pain goes untreated, the greater the risk that the animal may develop chronic pain, which can be difficult to manage," says Dr. Mitek.

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With limb fractures, a veterinarian may try to immobilize the fracture with a padded bandage if possible, but the animal should also receive pain medication while waiting for surgical correction or casting. One technique that can be used to provide analgesia for hind limb surgeries is an epidural, a procedure that is similar to the procedure used to alleviate pain during childbirth.

"Epidurals have a low risk of adverse side effects, and a combination of morphine (a narcotic) and a local anesthetic can provide pain relief for 12 to 24 hours," explains Dr. Mitek. "Epidurals work by limiting pain signal transmission in the central nervous system—the spinal cord and brain—to parts of the brain that recognize pain. A single epidural can be administered prior to surgery or a catheter can be placed to facilitate repeated epidurals to prolong the pain relief for several days."

If your dog receives an epidural for pain control, you might be surprised to see a small shaved spot where the epidural was administered. Dr. Mitek says not to worry, because the hair usually grows back within a few months – though it can take longer in some breeds, and on rare occasions, grow back as a slightly different color than the surrounding hair.

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Pain relief techniques for front limb orthopedic pain can sometimes be a bit more difficult. This depends on the location of the injury or the surgical procedure that is to be performed. Some options include a brachial plexus block, which provides pain relief from the elbow to the tip of the foot, or a ring block that provides pain relief specific to the paw and toes.

Any time a nerve is damaged, whether from trauma or as part of surgery, animals can develop neuropathic or "wind up" pain. This results in the animal becoming more sensitive to pain and could lead to a condition known as allodynia, feeling pain from a stimulus that ordinarily does not cause pain, such as the wind blowing across your face; or hyperalgesia, an increased sensitivity to pain. Aggressive pain management can be implemented to avoid this outcome.

"The best way to treat acute pain and prevent chronic pain disorders is to use preemptive analgesia, administration of pain-relieving medication before pain starts," says Dr. Mitek, "but unfortunately, most of us do not have a crystal ball to predict when Fido or Fluffy might experience trauma. So, if you can't prevent pain, the next best thing is to treat it aggressively as soon as possible!"

For more information regarding acute orthopedic pain, speak with your local veterinarian.

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